World Religions and Belief Traditions in Daily Life – HRF3O- Course Outline

In this course students will study world religions and belief traditions in local, Canadian, and global contexts. Students will explore aspects of the human quest for meaning and will examine world religions and belief traditions as exemplified in various sacred teachings and principles, rites and passages. Students will also study the interactions throughout history between society and various belief traditions, and will have opportunities to develop research skills related to the study of world religions and belief traditions.

Unit 1 –Introduction to Religion

* The religious impulse, how are common human needs reflected in religion and belief traditions
* Terms and concepts related to world religions and belief traditions
* Common features and questions and associated with religions
* Aboriginal Spirituality
* Early religions and the historical contexts that have shaped particular religions and belief traditions

Unit 2 – Diverse Religions

* Explore various world religions and belief traditions in a diverse society
* Festivals, celebrations, and commemorations in various world religions
* Rites of Passage in various religions and belief traditions
* Daily observances in world religions and belief traditions
* Commonalities and differences in various world religions
* Role and influence of Sacred writings, Oral teachings and Stories

Unit 3-Religion in Today’s Society

* Influence of religion on individuals and their society in contemporary Canadian society
* Belief traditions and popular culture
* Religious extremism

Evaluation

Assignments will be graded using rubrics or checklists. Marking schemes will be attached to individual assignments. Evaluation for this course will consist of: tests, research assignments, case studies and group and individual work. You will have a final exam in this course.

Term Work

Knowledge- 25%

Thinking/Inquiry – 25%

Communication- 25%

Application – 25%

= 100% (70% of course)

Final Summative

Exams = (30% of course)

NOTE TO STUDENTS: You are expected to complete ALL aspects of this course, including all assignments and missed work while away. IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY COMPLETING AN ASSIGNMENT BY THE DEADLINE, NOTIFY THE TEACHER AND AN ARRANGEMENT WILL TRY TO BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE YOU (if it does not happen too often). IF YOU DO NOT HAND IN AN ASSIGNEMENT YOU WILL BE GIVEN A ZERO!!